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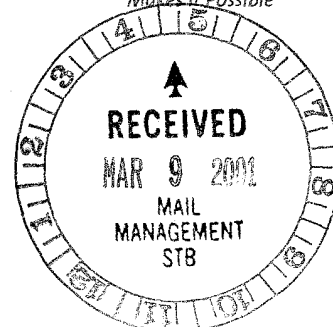
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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Ex Parte No. 582 (Sub-No. 1) Oral Argument

Dear Secretary Williams:

American Chemistry Council (ACC) respectfully submits, in accordance with the Surface Transportation Board's order served on February 22, 2001, this letter of intent to participate in the oral argument on April 5, 2001. ACC will be represented by Thomas E. Schick or Scott N. Stone, who will address the chemical industry's views on the appropriate guidelines for future rail mergers.

I am authorized by the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) to state that ACC will also speak on behalf of AF&PA at the oral argument. We request a single 15 minute time slot on behalf of ACC and AF&PA combined.

If you have any questions please call me at (703) 741-5172.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Schick
Counsel
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Scott N. Stone



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